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Minutes of Meeting Held in  
IAC Conference Room, Administration Building  
Central Intelligence Agency, at 1045, 7 February 1956

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence  
Lieutenant General Charles P. Cabell  
Presiding

MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. W. Park Armstrong, Special Assistant for Intelligence,  
Department of State  
Major General Ridgely Gaither, Assistant Chief of Staff,  
Intelligence, Department of the Army  
Rear Admiral Carl F. Espe, Director of Naval Intelligence,  
Department of the Navy  
Major General John A. Samford, Director of Intelligence,  
Headquarters, United States Air Force  
Rear Admiral Edwin T. Layton, Deputy Director for Intelligence,  
The Joint Staff  
Mr. Harry S. Traynor, Atomic Energy Commission representative  
to the IAC  
Mr. Alan H. Belmont, Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of  
Investigation

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1. Approval of Minutes

31 January Meeting  
(IAC-M-228)

Approved as written.

2. Watch Committee Report

No. 287

Noted.



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4. NIE 42.1-56

Probable Developments in  
the Republic of Korea  
Through Mid-1957

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation  
of the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study of SE-48, "Capabilities and  
Probable Courses of Action of the Republic of Korea with Respect  
to the Armistice in Korea," dated 13 October 1953.

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5. NIE 24-56

The Political Outlook  
in Italy

a. Approved as amended.

b. Noted the findings, and approved the recommendation  
of the post-mortem on this estimate.

c. Noted the validity study of NIE 24-54, "Probable  
Developments in Italy," dated 16 November 1954.

d. Mr. Armstrong said that he has concluded that validity  
studies of NIE's are valuable contributions to the estimative process.

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6. NIE 13-56

Chinese Communist Capabilities  
and Probable Courses of Action  
Through 1960  
(IAC-M-226, 17 January 1956,  
item 5b; ONE Memorandum,  
12 January 1956, item 1b)

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b. The IAC reaffirmed its position on this matter by a majority vote. The Committee appreciates fully General Schweizer's requirement for a US contribution to his weekly summary report. The Committee's reservations are based on a belief that indications intelligence cannot be handled adequately in such summary form. It is the opinion of the Committee that the risks attending the release of a brief report, other than a negative report, outweigh the political benefits which would accrue from US participation.

8. Executive Session

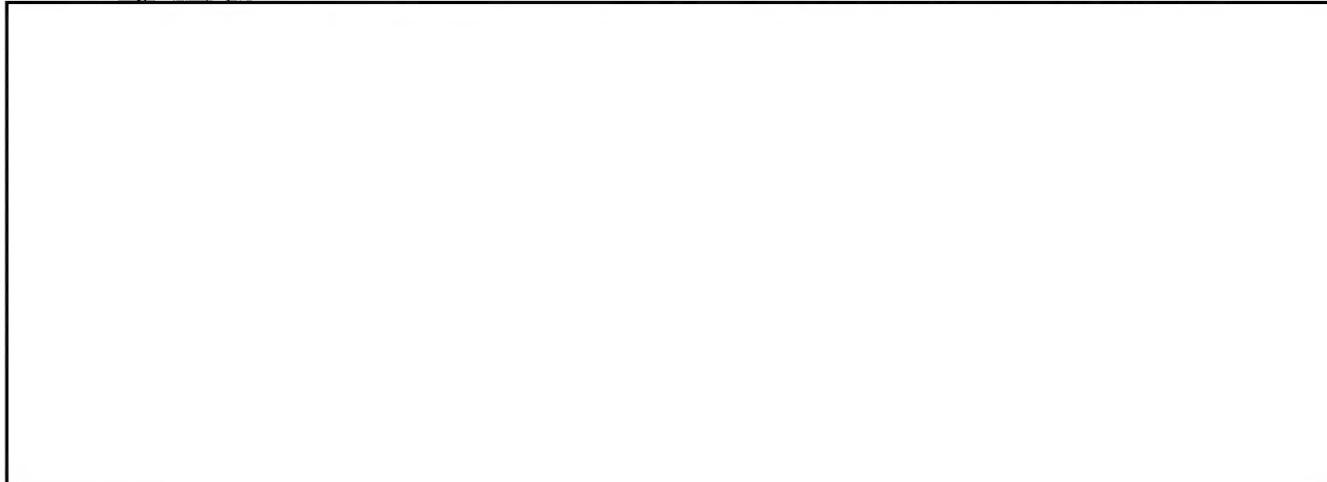
At 1215 General Samford requested an Executive Session.

Adjournment: 1235



Secretary

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